

A New form of *Charaxes penricei penricei* (Lep.: Nymphalidae) from Rhodesia

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I have recently received photographs of an undescribed female aberration of *Charaxes penricei penricei* Roths., taken by Mr. J. C. O. Chitty at Christon Bank, Nr. Salisbury, Rhodesia, which I name ab. **paraperpullus** nov.

Upperside. Forewing length 48 mm. The pattern is the same as in the nominate female, but all the white markings are slightly reduced in size. The mark at 1b is shaded slightly with blue on the proximal edge and the large spot at the hind margin is suffused throughout with pale blue. The internervular white spots are limited to spaces 6 and 7. Hindwing: as in the nominate female but the width of the discal band is reduced and is strongly suffused with pale blue. The basal half of the abdominal flap is light greyish-blue. The submarginal spots are white and small, becoming blue edged at the anal angle. Tails and margin black, except for a blue spot at the anal angle.

Underside. Differs from the nominate female in having the basal half of the forewing a dark reddish-brown, white band present as on the upperside. The ground colour of the outer portion of the wing is darker than the norm. Hindwing: the basal one third of the wing is a dark reddish-brown, the costa is black up to the post discal line and then brown to the outer margin. The ground colour of the rest of the wing is darker than the norm. There is a black triangular shaped mark opposite the upper tail and a further strong black mark midway along the inner margin. Extreme edge black.

Holotype: female: Christon Bank, Nr. Salisbury, Rhodesia, 6th May, 1961 (J. C. O. Chitty). Specimen in the Chitty collection.

It is of interest to note that a similar aberration occurs in *Charaxes etesipe* Godart, i.e. ab. *perpullus* Darge.

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EARLY DATE FOR APOCHEIMA PILOSARIA D. & S. (PALE BRINDLED BEAUTY). — I was surprised to find a male typical *A. pilosaria* sat near my m.v. light on the night of 19th December, 1977. — J. BRIGGS, Frimley House, Deepdale Close, Slackhead, Beetham, nr. Milnthorpe.